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U.S. Tart Cherry Production Down by 68 Percent

United States tart cherry production is forecast at 73.1 million pounds, down 68 percent from the 2011 production according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service, Utah Field Office.

In Michigan, normally the largest producing State, record high temperatures in early spring led to premature development of trees. This was followed by below normal temperatures and continual frost events throughout the State.

Utah tart cherry production is forecast at 34.0 million pounds, down three percent from 2011. With the poor crop in Michigan, Utah is forecast to have the largest tart cherry crop in the nation in 2012. For further information please go on line at www.nass.usda.gov or call Joel Gentillon at (800)747-8522.